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The present invention relates to crystalline and amorphous forms of dextrorotatory dihydrochloride salt of cetirizine, the process for the preparation thereof and compositions containing the same. The invention also relates to the crystalline and amorphous forms of levorotatory dihydrochloride salt of cetirizine, the process for the preparation thereof and compositions containing the same. Both crystalline and amorphous salt forms of cetirizine dihydrochloride are suitable for pharmaceutical purposes in the treatment of allergies, including ailments such as chronic and acute allergic rhinitis, allergic conjunctivitis, pruritus, urticaria and the like.